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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

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Dear Fellow Executive:

What do airplane parts, audiotapes, jeans, passports, drivers' licenses, bonds, government checks, and currency have in common? The answer, unfortunately, is that all have been and will increasingly be counterfeited!

Federal and state governments are particularly vulnerable to fraud and abuse arising from the use of fake or falsified documents. Security documents are those which require counterfeit deterrence features because they represent monetary value, prove ownership, establish identification, license or authorize action, or grant access. What is your agency doing to protect security documents in the wake of increased counterfeiting, alteration, and forgery?

On June 11, 1986, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing will host the Third Annual Document Security Conference (DOC SEC '86) at the J.W. Marriott Hotel, Pennsylvania Avenue at National Place, Washington, D.C. Policy officials, program managers, and technical experts of Federal and state agencies responsible for the issuance or authentication of security documents will meet to:

- o Assess the nature and scope of the threat to security documents posed by advances in color copiers, laser scanners, and other reprographic equipment;
- o Explore some of the advanced technology and systems available to protect security documents (holograms and other optical variable devices, smart cards, machine readable security features, and point of transaction authentication) and related research into human perception of counterfeit deterrents;
- o Discuss timely issues and current developments in law enforcement, document examination, and other related fields as they relate to document security; and
- o Exchange information and ideas with colleagues in informal breakout sessions and experience exchanges.

An impressive array of Government and private sector experts has been invited to participate, as you can see from the enclosed brochures. We would appreciate your passing the information on to others within your organization who are involved with your security document needs.